

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 08 August 2001
Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: 2handed.mpg
Other Known Titles: Not Stated
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Not Applicable
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Computer Moving Image File
Country of Origin: Not Applicable
Language: Not Applicable

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	2handed.mpg	Running time:	0.06
Trailers:		Running time:	
		Total Running time:	0.06

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer moving image file entitled *2handed.mpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The computer moving image file has a running time of six seconds. It explicitly depicts a man performing sexual activity upon a woman, involving the man forcefully inserting each of his hands, in rapid alternation, fully into the woman's anus.

While the nature of the sexual conduct is not considered to necessarily be inherently degrading or dehumanising, the manner in which the man in this publication engages in the activity with the woman, and the manner in which the activity is filmed, is highly degrading and dehumanising. It presents as an extreme act performed for viewer entertainment.

The extent and degree that the publication depicts sexual conduct of a degrading and dehumanising nature, as well as the extent and degree to which the publication degrades and dehumanises the woman, is such that its availability is likely to be injurious to the public good.

A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, given the high extent and degree of the degrading and dehumanising elements in this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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